

163. A method for an end user to verify that certificate information is authenticated by an authority, comprising:

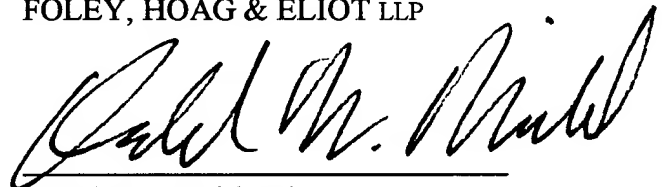
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- (a) obtaining at least a portion of an authenticated tree having certificate nodes corresponding to certificate values indicative of the information;
 - (b) obtaining additional values indicative of at least one of the following: certificate values, authenticating values of certificate values, and one or more node values authenticated by an authority; and
 - (c) verifying that the certificate values indicative of the information correspond to the additional values.
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REMARKS

Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions after reviewing this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 617-832-1257.

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